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Rep. Dick Cheney, R-Wyo., has been appointed to a six-year term on the House Intelligence Committee which oversees the budgets and activities of the government's intelligence agencies, including the CIA. STAT

The appointment by House Minority Leader Bob Michel was announced Thursday.

Formally known as the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, the panel has jurisdiction over all legislation, budget authority and activities involving the CIA, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency and other branches of the Defense, State, Justice and Treasury departments with intelligence functions.

Cheney also is the fifth-ranked Republican on the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, where he is the senior Republican member of the Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources.

He also serves on the Public Lands and a National Parks Subcommittee.

Cheney is the fourth-ranked Republican leader in the House by virtue of his position as chairman of the House Republican Policy Committee.